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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : In view of the fact that there is now a very large demand for Madras-made handkerchiefs in New York and America, will the Government think of opening emporia in America?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know what demand there is in America for the Madras handkerchiefs, but wherever there is demand, steps will be taken to arrange for sales.

Ayurvedic drugs and herbs

* 2575 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have established any institution—

(*a*) for research in Ayurvedic drugs; and

(*b*) for growing rare Ayurvedic herbs?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No institution for reseach in Ayurvedic drugs has been established by the Government. But analysis of certain plants used in Ayurvedic drugs is being conducted by a Research Assistant attached to the Chemistry Department of the Presidency College under the supervision of the Professor of Chemistry of the College. Clinical research on Indigenous drugs is being done in the College of Indigeous Medicine and the Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani.

(*b*) The medicinal and essential oil plants are cultivated in the medicinal farm attached to the College of Indigenous Medicine at Arumbakkam.

Electricity licences for pumpsets

* 2576 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons granted licences for the use of electric power for their pumpsets in 1951–52 in Sathanpakkam village, Wallajapet taluk, North Arcot district ;

(*b*) how many such applications were for (1) temporary and (2) permanent periods;

(*c*) how many were granted (1) temporary and (2) permanent licences;

(*d*) the maximum period statutorily allowed for temporary periods;

(*e*) whether one Sri M. Narasimhan was first granted a temporary licence and after 2½ years a permanent licence;

(*f*) the date of issue of the temporary licence and the date of issue of the permanent licence;